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SUBJECT: STATUS OF REFUGEES FROM CHILE

1. SUMMARY: FEDERAL JUDGE MIGUEL INCHAUSTI HAS ORDERED THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO RELEASE 112 EXILES WHO HAVE BEEN "DETAINED ILLEGALLY" BY GOA AT EZEIZA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL FROM CHILE. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DENIED THE EXILES ARE BEING DETAINED, DEFENDED ITS GENEROUS TREATMENT OF THE EXILES, AND, WHILE AGREEING TO OBEY THE ORDER, INDICATED IT WOULD APPEAL THE JUDGE'S DECISION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A SHARPLY WORDED DECISION ACCUSING THE INTERIOR MINISTRY OF HAVING GIVEN FALSE DOCUMENTATION DENYING THAT EXILES WERE BEING DETAINED BY THE GOA, JUDGE INCHAUSTI ORDERED THE EXILES BE GIVEN FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. THE JUDGE, CITING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE, CLAIMED THE EXILES WERE NOT PERMITTED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND MOREOVER THEIR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS WERE BEING RIGIDLY CONTROLLED.

3. THE JUDGE WENT ON TO QUESTION THE ROLE OF NEW FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF INIGUEZ FOR ILLEGALLY DEPRIVING THE EXILES OF THEIR PERSONAL LIBERTY, BUT PLACED FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
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THE MATTER ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR LLAMBI.

4. MINISTER LLAMBI RESPONDED BY ISSUING A LENGTHY STATEMENT TODAY (OCT 19) DENYING THE EXILES HAD BEEN DETAINED AND DEFENDING THE GENEROUS TREATMENT GIVEN THE EXILES BY GOA. LLAMBI'S STATEMENT NOTES THAT EXILES EXPENSES BEING BORNE BY GOA AND ALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT VARIOUS EMBASSIES TO ATTEMPT SECURE RESIDENT STATUS.

5. AFTERNOON PRESS (OCT 19) REPORTS THAT 78 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN 72 HOURS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT WITH SOURCES IN INTERIOR MINISTRY.

6. (COMMENT: LLAMBI RESPONSE IS WELL REASONED, FACTUAL AND GIVEN REPUTATION FOR SUBVERSION AND EVEN VIOLENT BEHAVIOR IMPUTED TO MANY EXILES LEAVING CHILE, COA'S HANDLING OF MATTER SEEMS PRUDENT RATHER THAN REPRESSIVE).
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